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1. The 1 September 1950 draft of the new passport law was discussed at a meeting of the section heads of the DDR Foreign Ministry on 6 September 1950. One clause of the draft provides that the Foreign Ministry is to have no control over the issuance of visas to citizens of "unfriendly" countries, i.e., countries not behind the iron curtain. The Ministry of the Interior is apparently to have jurisdiction over the issue of visas to nationals of Western countries.
2. [redacted] the Polish Ministry of Foreign 50X1-HUM Trade is complaining about the delay in deliveries which should have been made to Poland by the DDR during July and August 1950 according to the terms of the German-Polish trade agreement.
3. [redacted] Quan Shou Pine, the Chinese Communist minister to Rumania, has said that the Chinese Communist government plans to establish a diplomatic mission to the DDR very soon.
4. [redacted] the DDR ministries of Industry and Planning are to be split up into several smaller ministries, presumably on the Russian model, after the 15 October elections.
5. [redacted] the LDP is to be liquidated after 15 October 1950. The NDP and DED (Peasant Party) are also to be done away with since they have failed in the accomplishment of their original purpose which was to serve as a rallying point for large non-party groups.\*
6. Otto Nuschke, East German CDU Chief, is to be relieved of his responsibility for church affairs. A state secretariat, probably under the Interior Ministry, is to be set up to handle them. It is not likely that the secretariat will be headed by a clergyman. [redacted] only ten per cent of the clergymen of the DDR are behind the National Front.

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